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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7152

BILL NUMBER: HB 1133

DATE PREPARED: Feb 22, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Feb 21, 2002

SUBJECT: School Buses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) (A) This bill makes changes to the voting and nonvoting members of the state school bus committee. The bill also requires the committee to adopt rules allowing the display of the United States flag on school buses.

(B) The bill amends the definition of a special purpose bus to include a motor vehicle owned by a school corporation used to transport children that complies with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and has certain other specifications.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) (A) The bill will generate negligible additional expenditures for the administration of the state School Bus Committee (the Committee) to meet and adopt new rules. The bill adds two additional members to the Committee. One of the additional members is a voting member, and the other is a non-voting member. The Department of Education has indicated that Committee members (voting and non-voting) do not receive a per diem or travel reimbursement for service on the Committee. The additional members should present a negligible impact to the Department.

(B) Under current law (P.L. 278-2001) fifteen seat passenger vans that do not meet federal or state code would be required to be phased out for use to transport children to sporting events and other extra-curricular related activities while under the care of the school corporation. The deadline to phase these particular vehicles out is June 30, 2006. However, P.L. 278-2001 would also require removal of motor coaches from use by school corporations after June 30, 2006.

The bill would allow motor coaches to continue to be used under federal and state code. It is believed, that there would be minimal, if any additional fiscal impact to the Indiana State Police (ISP), which inspects motor coaches already through the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division.

Background: The ISP conducted 158 motor coach inspections and 17,792 school bus inspections during calendar year 2000, including annual fall inspections, spot checks, and semi-annual 12 year and older school buses. Additionally, approximately 18 school corporations currently operate their own motor coaches.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Education, School Bus Committee; Bureau of Motor Vehicles; State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Terry Spradlin, Department of Education (317) 232-6671; Pete Baxter, Department of Education, (317) 232-0891; Trooper Brent Alspoch, Indiana State Police, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division, (317) 615-7420; *2000 Indiana State Police Annual Report*.